

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-17 stand as being rejected in the identified Examiner's Action, the rejection is non-final in nature. Rejection is based on the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) and is supported by the U.S. Patent application 2003/0128158 of L. H. Jandrell in combination with the Patent application 2003/0021237 of J. S. Min et al. each identified by Examiner Aghdam. The Examiner's Action also includes objections to use of the word "the" in instances in claims 1 and 2 of the application.

In response applicants herein submit correction of the language in claims 1 and 2. In view of newly identified prior art applicants additionally submit a request for conversion of the application from that of a U.S. Patent to that of a Statutory Invention Registration, a registration within the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 157 and chapter 1100 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures. A substitute U.S. Patent and Trademark Office form PTO/SB/94 requesting such publication is enclosed herewith.

In view of the changes made herein the application is believed to be in condition for publication as a Statutory Invention Registration. Such publication is requested as soon as possible.

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